

**Virginia Department of Health
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report
July 2, 2007**

WORLDWIDE UPDATE

- This month the World Health Organization added eight cases and three deaths to the count of confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1). This brings the total count to 317 cases and 191 deaths, for a 60% case-fatality ratio. China reported a death in a previously reported case. New disease cases were identified in Egypt, Indonesia, and Viet Nam.

Three new cases, all in young children, were reported from Egypt. One of the children died. All were reported to have had exposure to dead poultry or other birds. Three new cases, including two deaths, were reported from Indonesia. All had exposure to sick and/or dead poultry.

Viet Nam reported two new cases, both of which survived. Both had exposure to the slaughtering of poultry. New poultry outbreaks had been reported in Viet Nam in May and June. These are the first cases reported from that country since November 2005.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office

- Henrico County Health Department's PanFlu Summit is scheduled for Friday, August 3, 2007, from 8:00am until 3:30pm at the Sheraton West Hotel located at 6624 W. Broad Street in Richmond. See attached flyer for registration and other details.
- The next PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Central on N. Boulevard from 9am until 1pm.
- VDH State Emergency Planning Coordinator, VEOC Operations Director and Deputy Director, Office of Commonwealth Preparedness are meeting with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to discuss Private Sector Preparedness for PanFlu and other threats.
- The Virginia Department of Health was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists for Avian Influenza Rapid Response Training. VDH is partnering with USDA, VDACS, DGIF, DCLS and the poultry industry. This training will be implemented through two regional sessions, which will be held in September of this year in the areas of Virginia with the highest commercial poultry concentration- the Eastern Shore of Virginia in October, and the Shenandoah Valley in September.
- VDH Statewide Video Teleconference was held. PanFlu Planning was addressed.
- The Countermeasure Response Administration (CRA) system has been developed by CDC as a public health tool to manage countermeasure and response administration activities. CRA is a web-based application that expands on the capabilities of the previous Pre-Event Vaccination System (PVS), used during the pre-event smallpox vaccination campaign. Over the next several months VDH will be implementing use of CRA for the tracking and management of vaccinations during an emergency. VDH will be testing the use of CRA in a number of seasonal influenza mass vaccination campaigns. Districts volunteering to participate in this test of CRA will receive EP&R funded annual influenza vaccine, to conduct Mass Vaccination Exercises.
- Season and pandemic flu "talking posters" have been distributed to health districts statewide for local institutions that meet the needs of English, low literacy and non English speaking populations. These are the first in a series of posters produced in a variety of languages using fables from a variety of ethnic traditions to promote cough and sneeze etiquette and recommend flu shots to diverse groups. The posters were

produced to reach Spanish, Tagalog, Russian and Farsi speakers, as well as, Native Americans and English speaking children and adults. VDH will advance the posters to state institutions and partners to reach constituents in rural, city and suburban communities. These materials have been loaded onto the flu section of the VDH PanFlu web site.

- VDH continues to respond to media inquiries regarding the status of ongoing flu prevention plans.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to attached VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports

- **Central Region**
 - Working with the Henrico Health District in planning a pandemic flu workshop in August for county government and business leaders.
 - Developing a risk/crisis communications power point and presentation for the Henrico PanFlu workshop.
 - Working with the Henrico County television station, to prepare a television interview with senior citizens who experienced the 1918 flu pandemic. The interviews will be used during the PanFlu workshop, as well as incorporated into future programming on Henrico channel 23.
- **Eastern Region**
 - Regional Trainer, Regional Administrative Assistant and Regional Medical Consultant participated in the Chesapeake Health Department Pandemic Business Continuity Seminar “Taking Care of Business.”
 - A regional conference on Disasters and Altered Standards of Care: Virginia’s Response was held in Norfolk. Steve Gravely presented the VHHA Critical Resource Shortage Planning Guide and discussed the legal implications of employing altered standards of care during a pandemic to regional hospital administrators and clinicians.
 - Regional Medical Consultant participated on a panel on Community Planning for PanFlu at the Conference for Minority Public Administrators.
 - Regional Medical Consultant presented “PanFlu Planning and Policy Issues” at the EVMS/ODU MPH Capstone Seminar.
 - Regional Medical Consultant participated in the EVMS PanFlu Planning Committee Meeting.
- **Northern Region**
 - Planner attended and participated as panelist representing Commonwealth of Virginia at Federal Interagency Work Group, which was attended by approximately 200 from wide range of federal agencies in the NCR. Topic of discussion was integration of federal, state and local response planning for PanFlu and provided a significant networking opportunity.
 - Regional PIO is writing an article on the Fairfax County Pandemic Flu Outreach to the Faith communities for the National Coalition of Public Health Information Officers publication. She has also been asked to speak to a coalition of businesses at a July 20 conference on the topic of emergency preparedness in Fairfax. Working in collaboration NW Regional Trainer, and Rappahannock Planner, will be conducting a pilot program on Pandemic Flu Risk Communications class on August 10, aimed at those individuals that may be called upon to communicate during an outbreak of PanFlu. PIO also is working on providing speakers and programs for a national

conference for the National Coalition of Public Health Information Officers in Baltimore, Sept. 23-26, and has coordinated lead HHS communications staff to address ongoing federal outreach efforts for the group of 250 health communicators from across the US.

- **Northwest Region**

- A PanFlu Risk Communications course has been developed by the Northern Region's PIO and the Northwest Region Trainer. This interactive training session will apply the principles of emergency risk communication to an outbreak of PanFlu, stressing how this long-term and on-going crisis would be different than anything public health has experienced recently, exploring how these principles will be tried and challenged by media and the general public. The course will be offered for the first time August 10 and will appear in the "Upcoming Events" section on TRAIN (<https://va.train.org/>), course number 1009330, beginning July 1.

- **Southwest Region**

- Planner and the Mt. Rogers Emergency Planner met with the SW Department of Corrections (DOC) Management and Medical Team and discussed the proposed response plan for a PanFlu outbreak and their plans for PanFlu medication and antiviral administration of their special needs population, staff and families of staff. The DOC Management Team agreed to the proposal and will implement the plan in the SW DOC Region.
- Trainer coordinated the Community Based Emergency Response Seminar (CBERS): Preparing for All Abilities in Abingdon.
- Trainer assisted in the coordination of Disaster Behavioral Health Train-the-Trainer on in Roanoke. This course will help our community partners during times of pandemic or disasters.
- Planner and six SW Region/LHD Emergency Planners attended the VDEM Region 6 RPAC meeting, also attended by the Governor, in Martinsville. Discussion items included PanFlu Prep.
- Planner attended the Regional Environmental Health Managers meeting held in Wytheville and discussed several issues including the role of Environmental Health during an emergency and specifically around a PanFlu outbreak. The discussion included the prioritizing efforts in response to a PanFlu outbreak.
- Epidemiologist gave a presentation, which included a section on PanFlu, to the Wytheville Polio Museum entitled "Public Health Preparedness in the Age of Terrorism and New Emerging Infections."
- Epidemiologist reviewed the early release MMWR regarding the "Prevention and Control of Influenza."

VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports

- **Alexandria**

- In process of scheduling nine volunteers for our "train-the-trainer" program. They will present to their own organizations our pre-prepared PowerPoint material. These volunteers came forward at our May Town Meeting. Also responded by phone and e-mail to all written questions submitted at that meeting.
- Press coverage of Alexandria pandemic efforts very extensive.
- PanFlu brochures (72,000) have now been distributed to every household in Alexandria.

- Final draft of revised Fatality Management Plan in review. New temporary sites have been identified, and written procedures established. Will be completed by July 15.
- Revised draft of Medical Surge plan nearing completion. Will be completed by August 1.
- First draft of Communications with the Public revised plan is under review. Will be completed by July 15.

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- **Arlington**

- MRC volunteers are working with the District to complete the medical offices surveys. Data is expected to be put into the survey instrument once the calls are complete.
- Planner continues to work on a comprehensive review of the local public health response plans identifying gaps based on the VDH and HHS guidance for PanFlu and the Public Health Ready criteria. Focus is on developing and implementing documents that will enhance operability, such as workflow diagrams, standard operating procedures, templates and checklists.
- Arlington County continues to work on planning for the management of mass fatalities through monthly meetings. Version 5 of the Mass Fatality Plan is now available. Attachments are under development. This work is being done in partnership with law enforcement, EMS, Virginia Hospital Center and local funeral directors.
- A meeting was held with three trucking companies who are able to provide refrigerated trucks for the storage of decedents. Also present at the meeting were representatives from Public Health, Law Enforcement, Office of Emergency Management and Public Works. All three trucking companies were willing to be available 24/7 for the deployment of refrigerated trucks but were reluctant to enter into any contractual agreement as they were not able to guarantee availability of trailers in a short time frame. Arlington County will maintain their contact information and plan to include them in any future exercises in order to validate their availability.
- MRC Orientations for new MRC Volunteers are being conducted every two months. The MRC is actively involved in community events using the opportunities to recruit new members.
- Planner and Epidemiologist met with DOD public health and medical partners in the regularly-scheduled monthly meeting that focuses on the development of an integrated public health and medical response plan. Attendance included representatives from Fort Myer, the Pentagon, the JTF-GNO and the Arlington Office of Emergency Management. District continues to collaborate with Fort Myer on its PanFlu Tabletop Exercise on July 10.
- Outreach activities to citizens:
 - ❖ Brochure development - focuses on personal preparedness and managing illness. Brochure is nearing completion and has been translated into Spanish. Additional languages will include Arabic, Amharic, and French. Plan to deliver to all Arlington households with Citizen in August/September.
 - ❖ Provided educational presentation to Day Care Providers at an evening meeting on. Second session is scheduled for July 9th. (see attached pictures)
 - ❖ Targeted outreach to elementary school age day campers will be provided in July and August. The curriculum will include activities and information with the primary messages of Cover Your Cough/Sneeze and Hand Washing.

- ❖ 20,000 bookmarks are in production and will be available for distribution in mid July.
- ❖ A training session for non-profits and faith based organizations on Preparing PanFlu Plans is scheduled for July 27. Registration has begun (see attached flyer).
- ❖ MRC volunteers will help to distribute flu prevention messages at the annual County Fair in August. A “Jerry the Germ” costumed volunteer will have prevention messages for children and adults.
- ❖ With the support of the MRC educational materials were provided at the Fathers Day Blues Festival and the Fit Arlington event.
- ❖ Planning for live Cable TV broadcast event in September – “What Arlington County is Doing to Prepare for Pandemic Influenza”. Panel will include discussion/presentations – Public Health Director, Public Health Emergency Planner, OEM, Fire/EMS, a veterinarian, and local hospital representative.
- Outreach to businesses
 - ❖ The Arlington Economic Development Office taped a segment for their BizLaunch website outreach to small businesses. District Director was interviewed and spoke to the importance of pandemic flu prevention and planning.
- **Central Virginia**
 - Planner continued work with the community health council (in the Smith Mountain Lake Area) providing handouts and preparedness check list for their awareness program, which will be provided to the membership of several area churches.
 - Planner met with a representative of the local Federally-Qualified Community Health Center to help with the development of their preparedness planning and PanFlu response.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist met with the Emergency Managers of a local jurisdiction and the local funeral directors to discuss planning and coordination of the funeral homes capabilities/response during a pandemic.
 - PIO met with the District PIO Group for coordination of the community awareness campaign and their role in the District’s PanFlu exercise scheduled for this fall (involving local jurisdictions).
 - PIO and District PIO Group press release on family and personal preparedness was sent out to local media.
 - Director held a meeting of the PanFlu executive group (consisting of the Planner, Epidemiologist, hospital CEO, Jurisdictional Managers and Jurisdictional Emergency Coordinators) to discuss the community response and coordination of hospital response efforts.
- **Central Shenandoah**
 - Planner attended an in-service meeting at Staunton VDOT and gave disaster planning presentation. Promoting employee family disaster planning and offering an idea of the absenteeism rate that could be expected during a PanFlu event.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist attended Health Alert Network (HAN) Training in Roanoke.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the VDEM Region 4/6 Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting at Patrick Henry Community College. Governor Kaine was in attendance and the Ready Virginia project was presented.
 - Planner met with the Rockbridge County LEPC and gave PanFlu and Push Dispensing MOU updates. Also made recommendations regarding future drills and exercises.

- Planner met with the Augusta County LEPC.
- Planner presented information to the Rockbridge County Rescue Association that would allow the Push Method MOUs to be used so that the counties' local Rescue/Fire departments could be utilized to dispense medications to the public.
- Planner attended the NW. Regional Hospital Planning Group meeting and discussed the Chempack program and proposed exercises with the Hospitals and EMS.
- Planner attended Hospital Emergency Management of Radiation Accidents training course. This training is provided in advance of the shipments that will begin along the 81 corridor this summer.
- Planner completed the ICS-300 course with the Waynesboro City first responders.
- **Chesapeake**
 - Planner developed and participated in the "Continuity Planning for Pandemic Influenza" panel for the 25th Annual Hampton Roads Conference for Minority Public Administrators (COMPA), held in Portsmouth.
 - Local Cable TV (Channel 48) interviewed the Planner and a Chesapeake business CEO regarding the Business Continuity Seminar.
 - Planner participated in the Hampton Roads Healthcare Organizations Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS) in Newport News, VA. There were break-out sessions for direct interaction and planning for continuity of operation issues related to PanFlu with Chesapeake nursing homes, assisted living facilities, dialysis centers, group homes, rehabilitation centers, home health care agencies, and adult day care agencies.
 - Held monthly Chesapeake PanFlu Task Force meeting. Topics discussed included a common-clinic concept, follow up of Hygiene Stations, updates on the Business Continuity Seminar and the PanFlu Plan for City agencies and departments.
 - A survey of the maintenance status and use of respiratory protection Hygiene Stations recently placed at key locations was conducted. Use and replenishment issues were discussed with site locations. An additional Hygiene Station was established at a Community Center.
 - Conducted a Business Continuity Seminar, which was open to all businesses at the Chesapeake Conference Center; there were 41 registered participants. Six speakers from business, the professional continuity planning community and government discussed issues of business continuity during and after disasters in general and PanFlu in particular. Participants were provided extensive training materials, including guides, templates, plans, checklists, etc., in paper copy and CD format to assist in developing their business continuity plans.
- **Chesterfield**
 - Educator and Planner participated in a table-top on PanFlu at the local V.A. hospital.
 - Educator attended a business planning seminar on PanFlu organized by the Chesapeake Health Department.
 - School Nurse Supervisor has been collaborating with the Chesterfield County school system to review their PanFlu plans.
 - Epidemiologist has been collaborating with a local university on developing a PanFlu plan.
- **Chickahominy**
 - Director spoke to Ashland Kiwanis about PanFlu.
 - PanFlu Coordinator met with Memorial Regional Medical Center's Disaster Team on PanFlu planning.

- PanFlu Coordinator met with VOPA Coordinator to give PanFlu presentation. PanFlu planning in behalf of special needs residents of long-term care home in Hanover County.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu presentation to Mechanicsville Rotary Club.
- PanFlu Coordinator, Director and Planner met to plan for PanFlu message for non-English speaking District residents.
- PanFlu Coordinator met with Hanover School Health Services Coordinator to complete PanFlu plan and provided District feedback on it.
- PanFlu Coordinator met with Hanover County PIO to discuss getting PanFlu message to county's residents.
- PanFlu Coordinator met with Hanover County Schools Health Services Administrator to review District's input for PanFlu School Plan and to complete PanFlu plan.
- PanFlu Coordinator met with Charles City School PanFlu team to begin PanFlu planning. Hanover Schools Health Services Administrator attended meeting to consult to schools on PanFlu planning PowerPoint presentation given to demonstrate Hanover County's PanFlu planning process. PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu PowerPoint presentation.
- PanFlu Coordinator attended Memorial Regional Medical Center Disaster Team planning session; PanFlu planning discussed. Team discussed Disaster Fair planning with regard to PanFlu material distribution.
- PanFlu Coordinator attended Goochland LEPC meeting; PanFlu update given.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu presentation to New Kent Rotary Club.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu presentation to Ashland Convalescent facility staff (two shifts) and leadership team.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu and personal protective equipment power point presentation to Memorial Regional Disaster Team and other staff and Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Center Quality Assurance Director.
- PanFlu Coordinator attended Peumansend Regional Jail PanFlu Planning for regional jails. Health District Emergency planner also attended.
- PanFlu planning continuing for outreach to four counties in Health District. Marketing and Outreach team participating in planning session.
- PanFlu Coordinator planning with small long-term care facility director for presentation in July.
- **Crater**
 - Planner and Educator attended the Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Committee. The team is currently working on establishing a draft plan; changes to plan are expected to be available for review by the next meeting on July 6. An alternate care site assessment tool was sent to all members of the planning team. Members are expected to assess various locations within their respective communities for use as alternate care sites.
 - The District PanFlu Coordination Committee met. Among the topics discussed were a district-wide EOC that would be established during a pandemic. A template and draft plan were presented and are due for approval at the next meeting in August. Storage sites for a district cache of personal protection equipment (PPE), alternate care site planning and the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) also were discussed.
- **Cumberland Plateau**
 - PanFlu Coordinator participated in the Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Council (MEPHEC) meeting at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in Johnson City, TN, discussing their PanFlu plan.

- Director, PanFlu Coordinator, Planner and Epidemiologist reviewed and updated the District Emergency Operations Plan, which includes PanFlu planning.
- PanFlu Coordinator networked with area businesses offering PanFlu Preparedness Program services at the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Business Appreciation Banquet at Breaks Interstate Park.
- PanFlu Coordinator, Planner and Epidemiologist participated in the Community Based Emergency Response Seminar (CBERS) training, “Preparing for All Abilities.” Topics included incorporating strategies for working with challenged people during an emergency (including pandemic).
- PanFlu Coordinator began contacting area School Divisions to offer PanFlu Preparedness Training for Fall Teacher In-Service training.
- PanFlu Coordinator completed the web-based Virginia Terrorism and Security Awareness Training.
- PanFlu Coordinator began contacting District Civic Groups offering PanFlu Preparedness Training.
- Director, PanFlu Coordinator, Epidemiologist, Public Health Nurse Supervisor and several District Nurses attended a Flu Clues Meeting at the Tazewell County Health Department to assist with the planning and implementation of a flu prevention program and dealing with a pandemic for Tazewell County Schools.
- Director co-chaired and Coordinator recorded the minutes for the Mountain Media Public Safety Council meeting, which is a group brought together to deal with area emergencies, including a pandemic, in Abingdon, VA.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with Russell County School Administrators to assist in planning Emergency Planning, including PanFlu, training events for Russell County Schools.
- PanFlu Coordinator, Planner and Epidemiologist participated in the Southwest Virginia Planner Training at Claytor Lake, VA, where pandemic planning was discussed.
- PanFlu Coordinator completed the web-based FEMA IS0-0700 Training.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner participated in the CDC’s “Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking the Guess Work out of POD Design” web cast. Pandemic dispensing was discussed.
- PanFlu Coordinator presented a PanFlu Preparedness Program for Business and Industry for the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce Membership in Grundy. A folder with related materials was distributed to all 21 attendees.
- **Eastern Shore**
 - Educator participated in the quarterly regional MRC Coordinators Meeting.
 - Educator participated in a Health Fair for over 300 employees of the Tyson’s Poultry Facility at Temperanceville, VA. Participants who received information on Disaster Preparedness, PanFlu, Proper Hand-washing, CERT and MRC.
 - Educator participated in a roundtable discussion with the Interagency Outreach Council to discuss transportation issues for the District and conveyed information regarding transportation in the event of a disaster or a flu pandemic and how to best serve special needs populations (i.e., physically disabled, pregnant women and residents who live far from the main evacuation route).
 - Planner participated in Stand for Children Day; presented and distributed information on PanFlu, Proper Hand-washing Techniques, Disaster Preparedness for children and families, Emergency Preparedness and what to put into a Disaster Supply Kit for approximately 350 children and their families.

- Educator participated in a seminar presented by the United Methodist Church Disaster Response Team; served as a moderator and assisted the staff in the distribution of Disaster Preparedness Information Packets and PanFlu information to approximately 45 participants. Also at this meeting, Educator conveyed information regarding future CERT and MRC trainings, including PanFlu trainings, and the value of this knowledge to their individual Disaster Response Teams.
- Planner presented information regarding Emergency Preparedness and PanFlu to approximately 45 participants at Atlantic Community Health Center as a part of their Disaster Preparedness program for staff; Planner also presented information regarding Emergency Preparedness and PanFlu to approximately 100 participants at Gaskins AME Church as a part of their Disaster Preparedness programs.
- Planner presented information on PanFlu during Summer CERT class.
- Planner presented health department's role during an outbreak or communicable disease emergency in concert with Shore Memorial Hospital ICP to EMS Providers.
- Director held conference call with State Vet/Epidemiologist to prepare for a September Avian Influenza training to be held on the Eastern Shore.
- **Fairfax**
 - Small Business Seminars were held in three supervisory districts (Sully, Braddock and Providence). Each seminar has been co-sponsored with Chambers of Commerce and the District's Board of Supervisors member. The seminars' focus has been PanFlu education and continuity of operations planning(COOP).
 - Outreach Coordinator met with the Faith Communities in Action Emergency Services Committee to assess the PanFlu Faith Summit held in May and discussed the committee's plans to follow up on the conference. An article about the summit appeared in the Fairfax Weekly, a local supplement in the *Washington Post*.
 - The Community Physician Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Campaign (N-95 Fit Test Train-the Trainer) kicked off with four train-the-trainer sessions. These sessions are being held in areas of the District very accessible to physician practice groups. A representative from 3M Corporation led these sessions (at no additional charge) with five Public Health Nurses familiar with fit testing assisting in each of the four sessions. Several sessions are planned for July. The PanFlu physician made numerous in-person contacts and presentations to physician groups to promote participation in the campaign.
 - Final edits were made on the District's PanFlu self-care guide, and it was submitted to the printer. Each of the 432,000 households in the District will receive the guide in July.
 - PanFlu physician presented information about PanFlu to the Old Dominion Medical Society in Virginia Beach.
 - Outreach Coordinator participated in the District's display at the Celebrate Fairfax (county fair) and distributed literature about PanFlu preparedness.
 - PanFlu physician and program manager presented to the staff, along with HHS representatives, of the National Women's Health Information Center, at Perot Systems (HHS contractor).
- **Hampton**
 - Planner continues to meet with Langley AFB, 1st Medical Group to discuss PanFlu planning and implementation of the existing MOU for assistance as needed in providing care for patients and distribution of antivirals and vaccine when they become available.

- Planner continues monthly meetings with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss PanFlu preparation: Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office.
- Planner and Director continue to meet regularly with the City Of Hampton's Public Safety Business Team in developing strategies' for Continuity of Operations for City and other services during a pandemic.
- Planner met with current Fast Forward classes and will continue acting as a facilitator for future training sessions to the public.
- Planner met with Sheriff's office and Health Director for City of Hampton Jails to assist with staff and inmates PanFlu education. Jail medical staff offered up 600+ staff and inmates for immunization exercise later this year.
- Met with nursing homes to review PanFlu readiness.
- **Henrico**
 - Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu/MRC Coordinator continued their outreach visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to discuss outbreak prevention and management, emergency preparedness and PanFlu. Visits have been completed for 17 out of 29 facilities.
 - District began the Nursing Home Emergency Planning Survey process by mailing the surveys to all 14 nursing homes in Henrico County.
 - PanFlu/MRC and Planner continued planning for local PanFlu summit to take place August 3, 2007.
 - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.
 - PanFlu/MRC Coordinator conducted PanFlu personal and family preparedness training for WalMart Employees at the Regency Square WalMart.
 - PanFlu/MRC Coordinator conducted PanFlu personal and family preparedness training for faculty and staff of St. Mary's Catholic School during a teacher work day.
 - Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu/MRC Coordinator presented PanFlu and Emergency Preparedness information to a conference of the Virginia Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging (VANHA).
 - Planner conducted a meeting with County Agency officials on the planning for a contingency quarantine facility.
 - District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/ Avian Flu update) to local healthcare facilities and providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
- **Lenowisco**
 - PanFlu Coordinator and other District staff distributed flu preparedness brochures at the Virginia-Kentucky Fair.
 - Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator participated in planning meeting for "Flu's Clues" school flu vaccination program for Tazewell County. Coordinator initiated discussions with school and local hospital personnel about a pilot program for Wise County.
 - PanFlu Coordinator sent out PanFlu preparedness mailing to Scott County faith-based and charitable organizations.
 - PanFlu Coordinator began contacting major local manufacturers/employers to encourage and support PanFlu planning and preparedness.
 - PanFlu Coordinator distributed brochures providing information on personal and family flu preparedness that are available to the general public at local county health departments in the District.

- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner made PanFlu presentation to local (Behavioral Health) Community Services Board (CSB) at one of their mental-health facilities in Big Stone Gap. The local CSB included information about the presentation in their newsletter to their facilities.
- Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator attended Community-Based Emergency Response Seminar (CBERS) training, "Preparing for All Abilities." PanFlu Coordinator spoke to the group about the importance of PanFlu planning
- Planner updating Lenowisco EOP after Epidemiologist's and PanFlu Coordinator's review of EOP and PanFlu annex.
- Regional Planner and Epidemiologist meeting was held at Claytor Lake, which included discussions about PanFlu planning. Regional Planner and District Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator attended.
- Director, Planner, Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator attended the Mountain Media-Public Safety Council (MMPSC) in Abingdon (Health Director is Co-Chair of the council) at which PanFlu planning was discussed.
- **Lord Fairfax**
 - Director participated in the 2007 National Summit on Public Health Legal Preparedness at the CDC June 18 - 20. The purpose of the summit was to assess public health legal preparedness (for PanFlu and other public health disasters and challenges); identify best practices; and create a shared agenda for action.
 - Planner met with Consulate Health Care in Woodstock to begin the development of a PanFlu plan for that institution.
 - Planner reviewed the Lifecare Center of New Market's PanFlu Response Plan.
- **Loudoun**
 - Developed a one-page memorandum offering PanFlu presentations and faxed it to the management of all nursing homes and independent and assisted living facilities and numerous human services nonprofit organizations in Loudoun County.
 - Consulted with representatives of Morningside House (an independent and assisted living facility in Leesburg, VA), Travelers Aid at Dulles Airport, and the Loudoun County Republican Women's Club concerning dates for PanFlu presentations.
 - Attended the Round Hill (Va.) Festival, made about 150 individual contacts and distributed MRC and PanFlu brochures.
 - An interview with the Director was featured in a recent edition of "Inside Loudoun County". He provided an update on preparations for a possible flu pandemic, or global outbreak of influenza, the county PanFlu Response Plan, and identification and maintenance of critical government and public services during a health crisis.
 - E-mailed and faxed offers of PanFlu presentations to 20 retirement communities, private ambulance companies and small bus companies in Loudoun County.
 - Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for the EMT volunteer members of Loudoun Rescue Company 13 in Leesburg for August 8.
 - Provided a PanFlu static display with printed handout materials and discussed PanFlu preparedness and infection prevention and control measures with 35 participants at Loudoun County Mental Health Family Orientation Day in Leesburg.
 - Provided PanFlu presentation and printed handout materials to 30 seniors and staff at the Leesburg Senior Center.
 - Developed a draft of a new PanFlu brochure for Loudoun County Health Department.
 - Provided four PanFlu presentations to 113 law enforcement correctional officers, recruit trainees and one staff member of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy (NVCJTA) in Ashburn.

- Provided PanFlu presentation and printed handout materials to 20 seniors and staff at the Cascades Senior Center.
- Provided a display at the Leisure World Safety Day in Lansdowne, where 75 people obtained information on the MRC and PanFlu planning.
- Provided a presentation for the Loudoun Disability Services Board. A member suggested conducting an Open Forum to discuss PanFlu and other public health emergencies to address communication impacts, mobility impairments, and other issues that are not as apparent in special needs emergency planning/response. This proposal has been placed on the planning schedule.
- Provided a PanFlu presentation and printed handout materials to 13 seniors and staff at the Carver Senior Activity Center in Purcellville.
- Provided a PanFlu presentation and printed handout materials to 18 seniors and staff at the Arcola Senior Activity Center in Arcola.
- Provided a PanFlu presentation to 23 managers and staff members of Lufthansa Airlines at Dulles International Airport.
- Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for Loudoun County MRC members for Saturday, July 28, in Leesburg.
- Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for the residents and staff of Leisure World, an independent living facility in Lansdowne, for August 27.
- Developed an updated letter to Loudoun County medical practitioners offering PanFlu presentations.
- **Mount Rogers**
 - District and Regional Planners gave presentation to directors of all correctional facilities in Region regarding training staff at correctional facilities to run PODs under the direction of each respective local Health District Director. PanFlu planning was discussed specifically, but the POD planning can be utilized for any type of emergency dispensing.
 - Planner continued meetings and discussion with Southwestern State Mental Hospital officials regarding utilization of unused space on the campus as an isolation/quarantine facility. Other uses are being explored.
 - Planner and MRC coordinator gave a presentation for a church in Washington County regarding MRC and pandemic preparedness.
 - Nurse Manager gave pandemic/personal preparedness presentation to a church group in Washington County.
 - Planner, along with New River District's Planner, gave presentation to DSS directors in SW Region regarding special needs sheltering and pandemic preparedness. Personal preparedness information was provided to each director so they could carry this information to their staff.
- **New River**
 - Planner presented PanFlu information program to Regional Men's Ministerial Association.
 - Director was co-convener for local public health assessment retreat at which Epidemiologist, Planner and District staff addressed PanFlu preparedness, as well as many other areas of emergency planning, response and recovery as some of the areas in the performance assessment instrument.
 - Planner co-teamed with Mount Rogers District Planner and met with Department of Social Services (DSS) regional directors to discuss updates on PanFlu/all hazards preparedness and the challenges with sheltering special needs population.

- Planner continues dialogue with local funeral directors regarding mass fatality management scenario anticipated with PanFlu. Future presentations for regional funeral director associations in different areas of Southwest Virginia will be coordinated with the regional and district planners having jurisdiction in those areas.
- A workshop conducted by New River Valley Mental Health and the New River Valley Community Service Board provided Planner an opportunity to discuss PanFlu preparedness and response for mass victim incidents. Planner will be participating on a workgroup to provide input/coordination of ESF 8 goals/objectives.
- **Norfolk**
 - Planner attended Eastern Virginia Medical School PanFlu Ad Hoc Committee meeting and provided input for their draft PanFlu plan. The school is interested in establishing a campus-specific hotline/call center during emergencies such as PanFlu. MRC volunteers might be used during such activities, so MRC activation procedures are going to be incorporated into the school's PanFlu plan.
 - New scenario-based NIMS training was developed and provided as a refresher to NDPH nurse employees during local nursing education week. PanFlu was discussed as one of the many situations employees may face requiring NIMS competency for effective response efforts.
 - Planner met with city water treatment plant supervisor to discuss PanFlu planning for businesses and continuity of operations. Future meetings are being scheduled and the PanFlu Planning for local Businesses DVD is going to be provided for staff education at the plant.
 - Planner met with U.S. Navy representatives and other districts to discuss establishing better communication between district health departments and military in preparing for PanFlu (and other large scale local emergencies). Moving this effort forward, Military Emergency Managers will be invited to future meetings.
- **Peninsula**
 - Planner continues to send daily PanFlu updates to Emergency Managers, Acute Care Facilities, Military Clinics and other interested parties.
 - Planner provided MRC members an update on PanFlu, which included estimates on illnesses, admissions and fatalities.
 - MRC Coordinator and several volunteers provided PanFlu preparedness materials to several hundred visitors to the James City County Fair. A tent for various service providers in the county was manned by volunteers the entire day.
- **Piedmont**
 - Educator met with local scouting leaders to begin development of a preparedness program for the fall.
 - Educator met with local Extension Agents to discuss ways to engage 4-H programs with our preparedness programs. Also worked with local Extension Agent to provide preparedness presentations in local day camp for Hispanic youth. Presentations have begun, and will continue throughout the summer.
 - Educator met with local CSB to discuss providing preparedness presentations to special needs youth in their care. These presentations have begun and will continue throughout the summer.
 - Educator attended Psychological First Aid Train-the-Trainer course so that the material can be shared in the local health district, MRC volunteers and with District's local preparedness partners.
 - Developed materials to engage faith-based organizations in PanFlu and general preparedness in July.

- Nursing staff attended four community festivals and two health fairs, distributing public health information, including PanFlu and general preparedness materials. Nursing staff also gave two presentations on PanFlu and general preparedness to two civic groups.
- Presentations on handwashing, staying healthy and general emergency preparedness given to over 230 children from pre-school to 14 years of age.
- Targeted special needs populations, including children and adults with disabilities, language and cultural barriers and behavioral challenges.
- **Pittsylvania Danville**
 - Educator continues to call businesses, community clubs and churches to offer PanFlu Planning programs.
 - Educator has designed specific PanFlu programs to meet each organization's needs.
 - Educator continues to research the latest developments concerning the avian influenza activity in the world and also the latest developments in planning for pandemic influenza.
 - Educator and Planner are preparing a PanFlu informational brochure for mass printing. The brochure will contain information for the public and will be distributed at training and health fair venues. The brochure will also be available at both local health department facilities.
 - Educator delivered the following PanFlu training programs in June: Danville Redevelopment and Housing employees; Hispanic Health Fair at Sacred Heart Church; Piney Forest Health Care (nursing home) and Ballou Park Community Center (seniors).
- **Portsmouth**
 - Continued work on draft PanFlu plan outline.
 - Interviewing for part-time PanFlu Coordinator position.
 - Funding approval has been received for the Children's Museum to expand the "Stuffie" Program to include good health practices. The program is currently being taught to all first-grade students in Portsmouth Schools. The additional funding will permit the expansion to private schools and day care centers in Portsmouth.
 - Planner met with Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) twice this month to discuss antiviral dispensing, on- and off-base, as well as potential surge capacity. Continued discussions with various departments within the NMCP are planned.
- **Prince William**
 - Emergency Planner and Nurse Manager continued to review respiratory plan for District to determine mask fitting needs and PPE training.
 - Emergency Planner and Director completed update of following plans to create new annexes to the Prince William Emergency Operations Plan: PanFlu Plan and Mass Fatality Plan.
 - Emergency Planner and Director completed the following appendices for the Prince William PanFlu Plan: Background, Seasonal vs. Avian Influenza and Phases of PanFlu.
 - Discussed legal issues for PanFlu planning.
 - Emergency Planner and Regional Industrial Hygienist preparing a Personal Protection Equipment course for District staff employees for July training.
 - Epidemiologist completed first part of Epidemiology training on outbreaks for the MRC. Part 2 will be scheduled soon.
 - Epidemiologist preparing informative training on Epidemiology and outbreak training session for Environmental Health Staff

- Special Needs Planner created the hand-washing PSA that will be aired on Spike, Animal Planet, Cartoon Network, ABC Family, and SciFi beginning on July 2. It will also be aired on Channel 23 and the school system's channel. Possibly the cities' channels as well.
- Special Needs Planner started filming the 2nd PSA for coughing and sneezing etiquette to be aired on the same channels as above.
- Special Needs Planner started recording the emergency preparedness tips for the CD for the visually-impaired that has a whole section on PanFlu including a description/definition of PanFlu, hand-washing, cleaning, coughing and sneezing etiquette, what supplies to have on hand, plans to make, etc.
- Special Needs Planner started preparing an MOU with the nursing homes that could be used in a pandemic.
- Special Needs Planner dispersed about 600+ emergency medical information cards through the hospitals and private practices in the county and cities.
- Special Needs Planner provided the Prince William Library System with PanFlu flyers to be distributed to all of the libraries.
- Epidemiologist, Director and Planners attended the Prince William County PanFlu Task Force.
- Planner and Epidemiologist attended MRC Training on Epidemiology including pandemic outbreak information
- Emergency Planner viewed CDC SNS Mass Dispensing Webcast.
- Director attended Arlington Mass Fatality Planning meeting with refrigerated truck vendors.
- **Rappahannock**
 - Planner, Epidemiologist and Educator attended the Caroline School Health Advisory Board Meeting. Emergency preparedness and PanFlu preparedness plan discussed.
 - Planner and Hospital's Special Assistant discussed Educator's PanFlu training plan for Mary Washington Hospital.
 - Planner discussed pre-designation of University of Mary Washington as treatment center for Mary Washington Hospital.
 - Educator displayed PanFlu materials at the Art of the Aging Expo.
 - Planner, Epidemiologist, MRC analyst and Educator met to discuss local PanFlu community assessment.
 - Educator presented a PanFlu presentation to the Disability Resource Center.
 - Planner met with Regional PIO and Regional Trainer to discuss upcoming District PanFlu Risk Communication program.
 - Planner led meeting of the Coalition on Emergency Preparedness in Special Needs Populations.
 - MRC analyst attended meeting of regional jails discussing PanFlu planning.
 - Planner, Epidemiologist and Educator attended monthly PIOs meeting. PanFlu preparedness discussed.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
 - Epidemiologist and Immunizations Coordinator gave a presentation to a group of employee health nurses at Culpeper Regional Hospital.
 - PanFlu educational material was included in packets for low-income children entering kindergarten in Orange County.
 - Epidemiologist discussed PanFlu and plans to update school officials at the school advisory committee meeting in Fauquier County.

- Planner and local Public Health Nurse met with the PanFlu planning committee for Rappahannock County schools.
- Distributed PanFlu materials at the 6th Annual Conference on Aging in Locust Grove.
- The PanFlu intern worked on information for businesses in the District, updated faith-based contact information for a future mailing and organized materials for mass vaccination.
- Volunteer Coordinator delivered Emergency Preparedness and PanFlu materials (in Spanish) to Hispanic stores and meeting places throughout the District.
- **Richmond City**
 - Educated District staff on PanFlu and our role during a pandemic. The majority of current employees have now been educated.
 - Coordinated with the Richmond Red Cross to provide PanFlu classes focused on the general public, business and corporations beginning in September. Classes will be held at the Red Cross headquarters, and advertising will be provided by the Red Cross. Coordination with the new Red Cross educator will allow efficient administration of these classes.
 - Made an agreement with the Richmond Ambulance Authority to provide PanFlu classes during their education blitz at the end of August and early September. This will ensure that all currently active members of the Richmond Ambulance Authority will be exposed to the PanFlu classes.
 - Completed the PanFlu education plan.
 - Continue to develop the multi-level PanFlu classes.
 - Continue to revise the Richmond PanFlu response plan.
 - Assisted with recruitment of MRC Volunteers.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
 - Educator ordered and received new PanFlu brochures and workbooks from Channing Bete printing.
 - Educator distributed brochures to Emergency Managers and sent sample materials to the local medical centers. Also, materials were given to the WIC program, and a display was set up in the patient waiting area in Roanoke City. Educator also brought brochures to the Chamber of Commerce entitled, “Pandemic Flu: Being Prepared in your Workplace.”
 - Educator offered the multi-language influenza posters to the Refugee & Immigration Services office in Roanoke.
 - Educator set appointments to meet with large local businesses about PanFlu planning.
 - Educator wrote a letter to the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors requesting a meeting to present on PanFlu and a possible partnership between the Chamber and District.
 - Educator met with a supervisor from ITT Night Vision to discuss pandemic flu planning.
 - Educator met with a manager at Advance Auto Parts in Roanoke’s corporate office regarding PanFlu planning.
 - Educator delivered PanFlu educational brochures to the administration of Friendship Retirement Community in Roanoke.
- **Southside**
 - Educator conducted a PanFlu and infection control Presentation for South Hill Elementary School PTA, which was attended by over 200.
 - Educator scheduled to conduct a presentation for the Mecklenburg County 4-H summer splash camp.

- Educator organized and assisted Dr. Julius Hite (MRC Volunteer) with a PanFlu presentation for 63 members of New Hope Baptist Church.
- Educator conducted a PanFlu germ control presentation for New Hope Baptist Church children's service with adult members also attending; 76 in attendance.
- Educator conducted 11 Class room PanFlu presentations for Buckhorn Elementary School staff and students at their school field day, approximately 212 in attendance.
- Educator conducted a PanFlu and infection control presentation for 18 churches for the Baptist fun day in Halifax County.
- Educator scheduled PanFlu and infection control presentations for the child care providers within the Mecklenburg County DSS program.
- Planner contacted District's eight nursing homes and sent them readiness surveys and evacuation plans. Will set-up appointments to review surveys and plans with them in July.
- Planner conducted a NIMS informational session for Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative Board of Directors to explain NIMS and encourage training within the company
- Planner met with Epidemiologist to decide on ways to get and update the Blast FAX list for doctors' offices.
- Planner working on ordering supplies and equipment for the PanFlu carry-over monies. Worked with thermometer company and designer to develop a wallet thermometer to purchase. Ordered additional PanFlu handouts.
- Planner met with the Mecklenburg School Nursing Supervisor and about continuing to teach infection control in the school system next year.
- Planner hosted an ICS 100 and 200 courses for health department and jurisdiction staff to help cooperation in emergencies.
- Planner contacted correction facilities about infection control and dispensing meds.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
 - Planner finalized speakers for an upcoming long term care facilities PanFlu informational and planning meeting.
 - PanFlu Coordinator created master distribution list of area business, schools, home health, etc., for a second mass mailing of PanFlu materials with updated information.
 - PanFlu Coordinator organized an N-95 respiratory protection training for area medical office administrators to prepare for PanFlu response.
 - PanFlu Coordinator researched ways to enhance interest in PanFlu message at upcoming health and county fairs.
 - PanFlu Coordinator presented social networking site on PanFlu to district management team.
 - PanFlu Coordinator invited all district long term care facilities to upcoming PanFlu meeting.
 - Educator working on Spanish PSAs.
- **Three Rivers**
 - Planner and Public Health Nurse Manager spoke with Gloucester County School Nurse Supervisor regarding PanFlu training and education for staff members. Training sessions scheduled for kitchen staff in August.
 - Planner gave PanFlu continuity planning template to Assistant Gloucester County Administrator and discussed PanFlu continuity of operations planning.
 - Planner distributed Spanish PanFlu planning literature to Westmoreland Medical Center and Westmoreland County Health Department in an effort to reach out to local migrant population.

- Public Health Nurse and MRC Volunteer distributed PanFlu literature at Heritage Days Festival in Deltaville.
- Planner working with Lancaster County Emergency Manager and Rappahannock General Hospital Infection Control Nurse on County PanFlu Plan.
- **Virginia Beach**
 - The Emergency Planner continues to receive department level plans from the VB city departments. Still missing plans from 4 departments and she is in the process of meeting with them to facilitate the completion of them before our fall exercise.
 - The Emergency Planner also met with the Director of Safe Schools and Risk Management and has planned a tabletop for the Superintendent and his cabinet. The tabletop will focus on school closure and continuation of instruction.
 - The Virginia Beach Public Schools have delivered all the hand-washing posters to each school to begin posting for the new school year.
 - The Emergency Planner spoke at the COMPA Conference in Portsmouth on Businesses and Pandemic Influenza. She spoke on a panel with the planner from Chesapeake, the Regional Medical Consultant and the Deputy Emergency Coordinator from Chesapeake.
- **West Piedmont**
 - Planner attended the Franklin County PanFlu Planning Group meeting. Group wants more information on how Red Cross and Public Safety responds to major disasters. Therefore, at the next meeting, we will try to have a discussion-based exercise with all available participants.
 - Planner met with the Henry County/Patrick County Red Cross Coordinator and one of its Board members for an update on PanFlu. Items discussed were current PanFlu events and the local Red Cross disaster role. In Henry County, the Department of Social Services opens shelters and Red Cross feeds sheltered refugees.
 - Planner delivered PanFlu information to Blue Ridge Manor nursing facility for its staff and clients.
 - Epidemiologist attended meeting of PanFlu committee at RJ Reynolds Patrick County Memorial Hospital. The committee is developing a list of community resources and drafting plans, especially pertaining to staffing and supplies. The hospital is working with local nursing homes, EMS, and county officials to develop a community-wide approach to PanFlu planning.
- **Western Tidewater**
 - District representative handed out PanFlu information and preparation pamphlets out at a health fair at the Suffolk Holiday Inn Conference Center.
 - Planner, Epidemiologist, and MRC Coordinator attended the Franklin/Southampton PanFlu Sub-committee Meeting at which preparation began for community and business outreach regarding PanFlu planning.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Western Tidewater Community Services Board manager and supervisors meeting. Epidemiologist prepared and gave a PanFlu presentation. Planner prepared and gave a continuity of operations (COOP) presentation. Further cooperation was offered for the CSB to prepare a COOP plan.
 - The monthly Suffolk Biological/Terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) met at Sentara Obici Hospital in Suffolk; Director and MRC coordinator attended. PanFlu was among the topics discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12 at the same location.
 - MRC coordinator had a booth at the Hurricane Expo at the Military Circle Mall in Norfolk and handed out PanFlu brochures and related materials.

- Planner and Epidemiologist completed HAN training.
- Planner, Epidemiologist, Director, Environmental Health Manager, Nurse Manager and Business Manager met to discuss District response to a disaster, including PanFlu. The need to establish quarterly testing of a phone tree was discussed. Also, staffing issues that would arise during an event was discussed. This meeting is part of an on-going effort to address issues related to events such as PanFlu.